

**CLAIMS:**

1        1.        A method of switching between a previous base station and a new base  
2        station in a wireless communications system, said method comprising the steps of:  
3            sending signals indicating to said wireless communications system the identity  
4        of said new base station from which the wireless unit selected to receive downlink  
5        data;  
6            waiting for an indication to switch to said new base station  
7            receiving downlink data from said previous base station until said indication;  
8        and  
9            switching to said new base station after said indication to switch to said new  
10      base station.

1        2.        The method of claim 1 wherein said step of sending comprising the  
2        step of:  
3            sending base station identification information on an uplink control channel  
4        associated with a downlink data channel carrying said downlink data to said previous  
5        base station.

1        3.        The method of claim 2 wherein said step of sending comprises the step  
2        of:  
3            sending said base station information and downlink data rate information on  
4        said uplink control channel to said previous base station.

1        4.        The method of claim 1 wherein said step of receiving comprises the  
2        step of:  
3            receiving downlink data from said previous base station until an indication  
4        from said previous base station that data for said wireless unit at said previous data  
5        has been sent.

1           5.    The method of claim 1 wherein said step of receiving comprises the  
2   step of:  
3            receiving downlink data from said previous base station until an indication  
4   from said previous base station that data is being forwarded to said new base station.

1           6.    The method of claim 1 wherein said step of switching includes:  
2            switching a channelization code associated with said new base station.